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1. IN MID-JULY, PRESIDENT AUGUSTO P. INOCENTE  
CONVENED A SPECIAL MEETING

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TO DISCUSS

ONTHE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM,  
HAD CONVEYED HIS DISTRESS OVER THE FACT THAT A LARGE  
MAJORITY OF HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS RECEIVED BY THE COURT ON  
PERSONS WHO HAD DISAPPEARED CONTAINED CLEAR PROOF THAT THE  
INDIVIDUALS HAD INDEED BEEN ARRESTED BY THE SECURITY FORCES,

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2. [REDACTED] TOLD PINOCHET THAT MANY OF THE LAWYERS PROCESSING THE PETITIONS WERE SUPPORTERS OF THE JUNTA AND THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT CONSIDER THE PETITIONS SOLELY AS POLITICAL ACTS DESIGNED TO TARNISH THE JUNTA'S IMAGE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE COULD SYMPATHIZE WITH THE CONCEPT OF ELIMINATING KNOWN EXTREMISTS, BUT THAT FROM A JURIDICAL POINT OF VIEW, HE COULD NO LONGER TOLERATE THE AMPLE EVIDENCE WHICH APPEARED IN THE HABEAS CORPUS REQUESTS.

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3. PINOCHET TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE FULLY AGREED WITH [REDACTED]'S POSITION, AND THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY ORDERING ALL OF THEM TO ENSURE THAT NO FURTHER ACTIONS WERE TAKEN WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION THAT EXTREMISTS HAD BEEN EXECUTED OUT OF HAND BY GOVERNMENT FORCES. [REDACTED]

REPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD MAINLY DIRECT HIS COMMENTS TO COLONEL MANUEL CONTRERAS, HEAD OF DINA, SINCE ~~IT WAS HIS SERVICE THAT WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE~~ FOR SUCH ABUSES, WHICH CONSTITUTES THE GRAVEST THREAT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESTIGE. CONTRERAS EXPRESSED A HEATED DENIAL, AT WHICH POINT PINOCHET TERMINATED THE MEETING, ASKING [REDACTED] TO MEET WITH HIM

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PRIVATELY, [REDACTED] REITERATED HIS VIEWS, ADDING THAT CONTRERAS ONLY ENJOYED THE CONFIDENCE OF PINOCHET. [REDACTED] OFFERED HIS RESIGNATION TO PINOCHET, BUT THE LATTER DECLINED TO ACCEPT IT.

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4. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS, [REDACTED] OFFICERS IN [REDACTED] AGREED THAT MOST OF THE BLAME FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE LAID AT DINA'S FEET. THEY POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE GROUP WAS ALSO TO BLAME FOR THE DEATHS OF A NUMBER OF EXTREMISTS, BUT THAT THE AIR FORCE GROUP SEEMED MORE SKILLED IN ITS OPERATIONS, QUITE OFTEN REFERRING TO THEMSELVES AS DINA. (COMMENT: [REDACTED] AIR-6-817-8145-75 OF 27 JUNE REPORTED THAT DESPITE A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER TO DISBAND, THE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE GROUP WORKING AGAINST THE EXTREMIST TARGET CONTINUES TO FUNCTION, ALBEIT YET UNDERCOVER.)

5. [REDACTED]

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